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## TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN FOLK-LORE SOCIETY

THE Society met at Boston, in affiliation with the American Anthropological Society and Section H of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, December 30, 1909. The meeting was held in the Engineering Building of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The Council of the Society met at 9.30, President Swanton in the chair.

The Treasurer's report for 1909 was presented as follows: —

### RECEIPTS

Balance from last statement . . . . .	\$1,600.73
Receipts from annual dues . . . . .	925.30
Subscriptions to Publication Fund . . . . .	270.00
Sales through Houghton Mifflin Co. (net of mailing and other expenses):	
Memoirs . . . . .	46.55
Journal of American Folk-Lore, December 1, 1908, to November 1, 1909, less 10 per cent. commission, and charges for expressage, mailing, printing, etc. . . . .	521.64
Dr. Felix Grendon, for printing his long article in Journal of American Folk-Lore, No. 84, first instalment toward \$200 to be paid in monthly payments of \$25 . . . . .	25.00
Interest account on balance, Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, Mass. . . . .	32.10
	\$3,421.32

### DISBURSEMENTS

Houghton Mifflin Co., for manufacture of Journal of American Folk-Lore, Nos. 82, <sup>1</sup> 83, 84, 85 . . . . .	\$1,712.64
Houghton Mifflin Co., for printing reprints for authors . . . . .	81.02
Houghton Mifflin Co., for printing list of libraries . . . . .	3.15
Houghton Mifflin Co., for changing die . . . . .	.15
Houghton Mifflin Co., for printing notice of Annual Meeting . . . . .	5.43
Houghton Mifflin Co., for printing notice of change of meeting-place . . . . .	5.33
M. L. Taylor, for work on indexing Journal of American Folk-Lore, to be published by the American Folk-Lore Society as the Tenth Memoir . . . . .	396.55
H. M. Hight, Boston, Mass., for printing bills . . . . .	3.25
Edward W. Wheeler, Cambridge, Mass., for printing cards . . . . .	4.25
Edward W. Wheeler, Cambridge, Mass., for cards for Publication Fund . . . . .	3.25
Edward W. Wheeler, Cambridge, Mass., for printing membership applications . . . . .	3.50
<i>Amount carried forward</i> . . . . .	\$2,218.52

<sup>1</sup> Journals Nos. 81 and 82 were combined in 1908, but owing to Post Office requirements, the next number of the Journal had to be numbered 82.

<i>Amount brought forward</i> . . . . .	\$2,218.52
For expenses of meeting of the California Branch of the American Folk-Lore Society, held February 25, 1909, to determine the relation of the California Branch of the Society . . . . .	13.25
Secretary's postage . . . . .	9.26
Dr. Alfred M. Tozzer, Cambridge, Mass, for stenographer . . . . .	15.87
Treasurer's postage . . . . .	8.88
Rebate to the Cambridge Branch, M. L. Fernald, Treasurer . . . . .	17.00
Rebate to the Boston Branch, Fitz-Henry Smith, Jr., Treasurer . . . . .	50.50
Rebate to the Missouri Branch, Mrs. L. D. Ames, Treasurer . . . . .	6.00
Rebate to the Iowa Branch, E. K. Putnam, Treasurer . . . . .	3.50
Rebate to the Illinois Branch, S. V. R. Jones, Treasurer . . . . .	7.00
Rebate to the New York Branch, Stansbury Hagar, Treasurer . . . . .	9.50
Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, Mass., collecting checks . . . . .	2.90
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	\$2,362.18
Balance to new account . . . . .	1,059.14
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	\$3,421.32

ELIOT W. REMICK, *Treasurer.*

The report being accepted, an auditing committee, consisting of Messrs. Charles Peabody, L. W. Jenkins, and R. B. Dixon, was appointed to audit the same.

The Acting Secretary presented a brief report to the Council. In this attention was called to the low balance to the Society's credit, and the hope expressed that, in consequence of the increased amount of material in the Journal relating to European folk-lore, new members might be secured in sufficient numbers to place the Journal on a stronger financial footing. The membership, in comparison with the previous year, showed a gain of nineteen.

The Editor reported that the Index to the first twenty volumes of the Journal, which is to constitute the Tenth Memoir, was nearly complete. The task had proved longer than at first anticipated, but the volume would now be carried to press at an early date.

The following recommendations were adopted by the Council:—

That the Constitution of the Society be reprinted in leaflet form, for distribution to the various Branches.

That the Secretary be empowered to arrange for the incorporation of the Society either in Massachusetts or elsewhere, if this seems desirable.

That the Questionnaires prepared some years ago by Mr. W. W. Newell and Mrs. Fanny D. Bergen be reprinted, if possible, for the use of the various Branches.

That the collection of Pennsylvania German folk-lore made by Mr. Fogel be accepted by the Society for publication as the Eleventh Memoir, the details of the arrangement to be left to the Editor of the Journal.

On nomination by the Council, officers were elected for 1910 as follows:—

PRESIDENT, Professor H. M. Belden, University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT, Professor G. L. Kittredge, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT, Dr. J. Walter Fewkes, Bureau of American Ethnology, Washington, D. C.

EDITOR OF JOURNAL, Professor Franz Boas, Columbia University, New York City.

PERMANENT SECRETARY, Dr. Charles Peabody, Peabody Museum, Cambridge, Mass.

TREASURER, Mr. Eliot W. Remick, 300 Marlborough St., Boston, Mass.

COUNCILLORS. (For three years): Professor J. A. Lomax, College Station, Texas; Professor J. B. Fletcher, Columbia University, New York City; Professor A. F. Chamberlain, Clark University, Worcester, Mass. (For two years): Dr. E. K. Putnam,<sup>1</sup> Davenport, Iowa; Dr. G. A. Dorsey,<sup>1</sup> Field Museum, Chicago, Illinois; Mr. Albert Matthews, Boston, Mass. (For one year): Dr. P. E. Goddard,<sup>1</sup> American Museum of Natural History, New York City; Mrs. Zelia Nuttall,<sup>1</sup> Mexico City; Dr. S. A. Barrett, Public Museum, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The following are also members of the Council, either as past Presidents of the Society within five years, or as Presidents of local branches: Miss Alice Fletcher, Professor A. L. Kroeber, Professor R. B. Dixon, Dr. J. R. Swanton, Professor F. W. Putnam, Dr. K. G. T. Webster, Miss Mary A. Owen, Professor Charles B. Wilson, Professor A. C. L. Brown, Dr. R. H. Lowie.

At the conclusion of the business meeting, the President, Dr. J. R. Swanton, read his Presidential Address on "Some Practical Aspects of the Study of Myths." The following papers were then presented:—

PROFESSOR FRANZ BOAS, "Literary Form in Oral Tradition."

DR. R. H. LOWIE, "Assiniboine Folk-Lore."

MR. A. T. SINCLAIR, "Folk Songs and Music of Cataluña."

MR. PHILLIPS BARRY, "Native American Ballads."

PROFESSOR A. F. CHAMBERLAIN, "The Myth of the Seven Heads."

ROLAND B. DIXON, *Acting Secretary*.

<sup>1</sup> Councillors holding over.